

INITIAL COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA TREATMENT OF THE 28 OCTOBER  
KENNEDY EXCHANGE X

MOSCOW

SHORTLY AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE 28 OCTOBER LETTER AND THAT THE CUBAN BASES WOULD BE DISMANTLED, TASS ISSUED BRIEF NEWS RELEASES ON THE INTERRUPTION OF U.S. RADIO AND TV TO FLASH THE NEWS OF KHRUSHCHEV'S MESSAGE, AND REPORTING KHRUSHCHEV'S "PEACELOVING MESSAGE" GOT FLASH TREATMENT IN GERMAN NEWS MEDIA. AT 1837 GMT, TASS CARRIED THE FULL TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE KHRUSHCHEV

KHRUSHCHEV'S MESSAGE IS BEING GIVEN PRIORITY TREATMENT IN RADIO MOSCOW'S BROADCASTS TO FOREIGN AUDIENCES. FOLLOWING THE BROADCASTING OF THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE THIS AFTERNOON, THE MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE AND TASS, THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE SERVICES BEGAN IMMEDIATELY TO CARRY THREE TO FOUR-MINUTE SUMMARIES OF THE MESSAGE. THESE SUMMARIES HAVE NOW BEEN SUPERSEDED BY THE FULL TEXT OF THE MESSAGE. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT SATURATION COVERAGE IS PLANNED. SO FAR THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN BROADCAST IN THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES: RUSSIAN, ITALIAN, BULGARIAN, POLISH, MACEDONIAN, SERBO-CROATIAN, HEBREW, ARABIC, GREEK, AND IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND SOMALI TO AFRICA.

MOSCOW IS GIVING HEAVY PLAY TO FAVORABLE WORLD REACTION TO KHRUSHCHEV'S DECISION. THERE HAS BEEN NO SOVIET-ORIGINAL COMMENT SO FAR.

MOSCOW LED OFF ITS MAIN DOMESTIC SERVICE NEWS BULLETIN AT 1900 GMT WITH THE TEXTS OF KHRUSHCHEV'S MESSAGE AND THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WELCOMING IT.

THIS WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY A ROUNDUP OF FOREIGN REACTIONS. "THE WORLD LISTENED WITH ATTENTION TO THE MESSAGE FROM NIKITA SERGEYEVICH KHRUSHCHEV TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY," THE BROADCAST SAID. "AS SOON AS MOSCOW RADIO BEGAN TO BROADCAST THE MESSAGE FROM NIKITA SERGEYEVICH KHRUSHCHEV TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ALL THE WORLD'S LEADING NEWS AGENCIES, BREAKING OFF THEIR REGULAR TRANSMISSIONS, QUICKLY BEGAN TO GIVE SUMMARIES OF IT. DEUTSCHE PRESSE-AGENTSCHAFT (D.P.A.), AND REUTERS PICKED OUT KHRUSHCHEV'S WORDS THAT HE REGARDED WITH RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE KENNEDY'S STATEMENT THAT NO ATTACK WOULD BE MADE ON CUBA BY EITHER THE UNITED STATES OR OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE."

IN NEW YORK, MOSCOW CONTINUED, U.S. RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS INTERRUPTED THEIR USUAL PROGRAMS TO INFORM LISTENERS ABOUT KHRUSHCHEV'S MESSAGE. THE NEWSCASTER REPORTED THAT SOVIET RADIO INTERRUPTED ITS PROGRAMS TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE MESSAGE. "THE WORKING PEOPLE OF BULGARIA HAVE NOTED KHRUSHCHEV'S MODERATE AND HUMANE STAND." AFP WAS QUOTED AS REPORTING FRENCH REACTIONS AND THE WEST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY DPA WAS QUOTED ON KHRUSHCHEV'S "9534-53" TONE.